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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Peter BAEUERLE et al.  
Serial No. : 09/976,788  
Filed : October 12, 2001  
For : METHOD FOR OPERATING A TORQUE-CONVERTER  
LOCKUP CLUTCH FOR A HYDRODYNAMIC TORQUE  
CONVERTER AND CONTROL DEVICE FOR  
IMPLEMENTING THE METHOD  
Examiner : Brian J. Broadhead  
Art Unit : 3661  
Confirmation No. : 2206

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**GROUP 3600**

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In response to the Office Action of April 23, 2003, enclosed herewith is an amendment.

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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					280.00	
					TOTAL	\$264.00
					SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	

Please charge the fee for three additional independent claims in the amount of \$264.00 and any additional charges to Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

KENYON & KENYON

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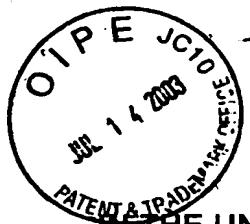
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**AMENDMENT**

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This paper addresses the Office Action of April 23, 2003, in  
connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the  
above-captioned application as set forth below.

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**GROUP 300****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 7 without prejudice as follows:

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7. (Twice Amended) The method as recited in Claim 4, where the slip to be  
used as a new initial value, as a basis for the applied input torque (E) is calculated  
from the applied input torque (E), taking a performance figure of the torque converter  
(1) into consideration.

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Please add new claims 16 to 30 as follows:

--16. (New) A method for operating a torque-converter lockup clutch for a  
hydrodynamic torque converter, comprising:

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